

## COMMENTS

The independent claims are 1, 12, 13, and 16 with claim 3 being a multiple dependent claim. Claims 1-3, 5-12, 14, and 15 have been amended. These proposed claim amendments are directed to the matters of form and/or to clarify certain claim limitations. No new matter is added by the proposed claim amendments.

The above described application was filed *pro se* on August 8, 2001 and was held abandoned on March 8, 2004 for failure to respond to an office action. The inventor retained council to file a petition to revive the application and such petition was granted on December 11, 2007. The inventor further decided to have present council continue the prosecution of the application.

The amendments requested on June 30, 2008 are not intended to significantly alter the scope of such claims but simply to better claim the invention in a style in which present council is accustomed. Similarly, the present amendment makes further claim clarifications to the claims presented on June 30, 2008.

While the present "preliminary amendments" may not fully meet the requirements of 37 CFR §1.115, if the Examiner holds the position that the proposed amendments will not unduly interfere with the preparation of the next office action, Applicant respectfully requests that such amendments be entered.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at his convenience to resolve any remaining issues. Please charge any additional fees required by this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 503176.

Respectfully submitted,

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